



Spirit Society of PA.

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"ROO's" BOOS - Notes from Kelly

Happy Valentine's Day! John and I will be celebrating our 16th wedding anniversary on February 14. My how time flies.

We are also celebrating our eleventh year as an interest group. Many come and go; however, we have remained a solid institution. I appreciate all of your support and devotion.

We will be spending the weekend after Valentine's Day at one of our favorite "haunts" – Cape May, NJ. Teddy Bear will be joining us when we visit the *Highland House Bed and Breakfast* for a relaxing weekend. It is *supposed* to be haunted. We stayed in the "Green room" several times throughout the years, and nothing supernatural has ever happened. That is more than I can say for our 2nd time we celebrated our Valentine's Anniversary at the very haunted General Sutter Inn, located in Litz, Pa. If you want a good scare, stay upstairs on the second floor! John captured some frightening EVP of someone teasing Teddy Bear. After hearing this tape, I felt bad for my poor pup. He must have been so frightened by what happened. To hear the voice, go to our website and click on the "Dog Teasing Spirits" link on the home page or go to. <http://www.spiritsocietyofpa.com/gensut.html>

If you have any vacation stories in which you captured something paranormal, please tell us about it and we will feature it in an upcoming edition of "Apparitions."

Spirit Day in May: 5/19/07



The featured speaker this year for our May 19th Spirit Day event is author, **Jeff Frazier**

Mr. Frazier has written a series of books called *Pennsylvania Fireside Tales*. He collects ghost stories, legends and folktales of Pennsylvania. Many of his stories date back to the Civil War and beyond. These encounters deal with early hunting episodes, Indian tales, stories of lost treasure/hidden gold, enormous snakes and other exaggerated animals, and of course, ghosts, witches and the supernatural. He has written six books- (volumes one through six) in the series. His books will be for sale after his lecture.

Among the stories that Mr. Frazier will speak about, is a ghost who haunts a graveyard along the Susquehanna near Marietta and a story of a haunted railroad tunnel at Chickie's Rock State Park near York. (Rick Fisher has told us many stories about Chickie's Rock and we would love to hear more)!

He'll also share the adventures of two Boy Scouts who encountered a headless ghost in Centre County. Listen to the story of a man who heard the sounds of battle one night at the High Water Mark on the

Gettysburg battlefield fifty years after the battle had been fought. You will hear about two people who drove through what appeared to be a ghost and what happened to them in Union County. You will be told of an encounter from near State College called "*The Black Ghost of Scotia*". It is an interesting story about an actual encounter with an unsavory wraith. See more at www.egghillpublishing.com



If this guy's presentation doesn't grab your attention, you must be beyond DEAD! See Ed Okonowicz, Rosemary Ellen Guiley, Mark Nesbitt, Stan Gordon, Kelly Weaver, Rick Fisher & others at the PA Paranormal Conference April 14, 2007 @ Bube's Brewery in Mt. Joy, PA. For details, see inside pages or visit the website www.paranormalpa.com

Rick Fisher will also be giving a presentation on Talking Boards. The founder of the PA Paranormal Society is well known as a researcher, but Rick also has one of the most extensive collections of paranormal artifacts anywhere, and these comprise the foundation for the forthcoming National Museum of Mysteries and Research Center. Rick has amassed an incredible collection of Ouija and other such boards and will show examples and share tales about these mysterious, controversial "Talking Boards." Rick's newly written book, *Ghosts of the River Towns*, will be available for purchase.

Hours for Spirit Day in May this year have changed. Due to another group using the facility before us (for their regular monthly meeting), we will begin this year at 1 PM and end around 8 PM.

Door will open at 12:30. Set up committee should arrive at noon. I will need a set up and clean up committee as usual. We will also hold our White Elephant sale and a silent auction. Get those recipes out for lots of yummy food to share with others. A food committee chairperson will also be needed.

We will also have a technical workshop in the afternoon and a Spirit Circle to end the evening. John, Craig and others will have various subjects of interest to keep us entertained! Stay tuned for more details.

Cold Case Files

Over the past few months, I've been contacted by several agencies/retired officials to help with their cold case files. I've been interested in criminology since I was a teenager. It is neat to combine my passion for the subject along with my intuitive abilities to try to bring closure to those who have been missing and /or murdered without a trace.

Lately, I've been asking my students in the Mediumship class to give their opinions on certain cases as part of their monthly exercises. I keep their information in a sealed envelope and pass it on to the officials. I'm hopeful that between several of us, we can give some clues to help solve the mysteries of these missing persons.

Spring/Summer Classes will be announced for Kelly's Magical Garden in next month's issue. Spring is coming soon! Yesss!

**"True love is like ghosts,
which everybody talks
about and few have seen."
- La Rochefoucauld
Happy "VD" from the SSP!**

Good Luck Charms and Symbols

An ongoing series from Kelly L. Weaver

Just in time for the weather we've had lately!

Gloves - A gift of a pair of gloves will strengthen a friendship, according to a very old belief. The gloves themselves become a good luck charm, bringing happiness to the one who receives them. In the Victorian era, women were usually not permitted to accept any gift from a man except for gloves or flowers, and a bet made between a man and a woman was usually paid for with a pair of gloves.



Sneezing - It is almost a reflex action among Americans to say "God Bless you" when someone sneezes. The custom, perceived as a wish for luck, goes back to Americans' European roots. In most parts of Europe, there is an old belief that a sneeze can expel the soul from the body. Because of this, the blessing serves as a verbal charm to protect the sneezer from death. Another belief is that if someone sneezes three times without receiving a "bless you" from someone, the fairies could come and take him away.



Sometimes, however, the blessing isn't completely necessary. If two people sneeze at the same time, both will enjoy very good luck!

A solitary sneeze is considered a lucky omen in many parts of the world. The Maori people of New Zealand believe it is symbolic of the act of creation. According to their creation myth, the first human received the breath of life when the great god Tiki sneezed. In parts of Africa, sneezing is considered a sign that the body has been taken over by good spirits. And most Native American tribes believed that a sneeze was a sign that the brain was being cleared of evil. (the way I sneeze, I must be pure by now!)

This superstition may also have come from a serious disease that was attacking the early Romans (around A.D. 150) and the main symptom was sneezing. This disease was so serious that people often died as a result, and the Romans believed that the more often the person was blessed, the lower the chances of death.

Also, "God bless you" was frequently used as a form of well-wishing at the time. It was considered a wish for good health, which is the reason it was addressed to those who were sneezing. Since sneezing was symptom of the bubonic plague in the Middle Ages in Europe, the custom of blessing people after they sneeze persisted and has been handed down until today. For Hebrews, Greeks, Indians, and Chinese, breath was a tangible sign of the soul's existence, and any loss of breath, especially in a sneeze, was very bad luck.

Ga-zun-tite! - Kelly

Excerpted from the book: *The A-Z Good Luck Guide to Charms and Symbols* by Bill Harris, Oppenheimer Publications 1996

HAUNTED SPOTS & COOKING POTS from the SSP - Only \$6

Here are fascinating true ghost stories & local legends, combined with delicious recipes from SSP members, friends and families. Discover local establishments and eateries that have more than food on their menu! Savor recipes from appetizers, main dishes & desserts... even yummy treats for your furry friends. *Haunted Spots & Cooking Pots* will delight your spirit and tummy with spooky superstitions from the spirit world and its relationship to food. (Available at SSP Meetings & Kelly's Magical Garden All proceeds benefit the Spirit Society of PA)

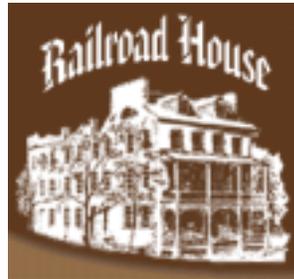


KELLY'S MAGICAL GARDEN - Offering a variety of Intuitive Services for your Spiritual Quest

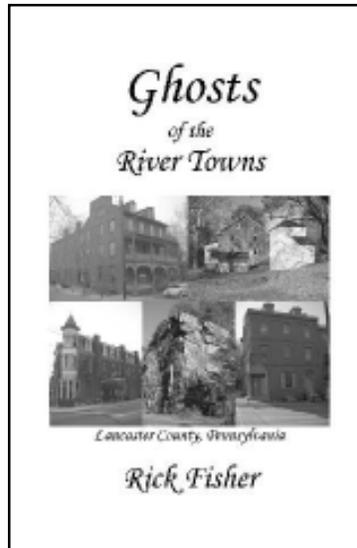
Kelly Weaver offers readings via mail, e-mail and in person. For details, please visit

www.kellysmagicalgarden.com

•Private Readings available by appointment: Personal, Animal, Past Life & ADC (After Death Communication) *Contact Kelly at 717-737-7623 or weaviate@aol.com*



As a board member of the NMMRC, I would like to thank the new owner of the Railroad House, Raphael Augon, for the support he has shown for Rick's vision of the museum and his support of the paranormal community in general. Be sure to check it out for a fine dinner or a romantic weekend getaway at www.therailroadhouse.com - JDW



Now Available:
GHOSTS of the RIVER TOWNS
by Rick Fisher

No one knows more ghost stories from Lancaster County's river towns of Columbia, Marietta & surrounding areas than PSP founder Rick Fisher, and his first book is full of fascinating accounts from this historic and haunted region of South Central PA. To order, send check or money order for \$6.00 (includes postage and handling) to Rick Fisher 109 South Second St. Apt. 2 Columbia, PA 17512 Rick's e-mail is rfisher@paranormalpa.com

Here's a program coming up at the Wildwood Nature Center which may interest some SSP Members: The Unnatural History of Dauphin County - Tue. March 27

The final program in a series of six winter lectures at Wildwood will delve into the Unnatural History of Dauphin County, with historian Peter Seibert.

The program will examine the real, bizarre and mysterious natural history of Harrisburg and Dauphin County. From Mountain Lions in the kitchen to Noah's Ark in the mountains, Pete will take us through on a three hundred year tour of the natural and un-natural. Bring your pith helmet and a sense of adventure for this program.

When and Where: **7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** Meet at the Olewine Nature Center Registration: *Pre-registration is not required* Fee: **Free**



PARA-TECH

Opinions & Observations by JDW

RANDOM RAMBLINGS & RANTS...

Anyone who contests the validity of the concept of global warming should have joined me the first weekend of January, driving around the Gettysburg Battlefield in my Miata... with the top down! This car generally never sees winter, but here I was enjoying May-like weather! I've always enjoyed visiting the battlefield in winter - be it snow covered or not, its like a different place, with better views of the terrain, and of course minimal tourists (and in the daylight, no "orbies"!). Its a perfect time for reflection -- and research! I've been working several sites by myself -- some I've mentioned and some I don't wish to yet reveal -- that are yielding some interesting results in regards to EVP recording. To some extent, I believe my presence is just as familiar and accepted, in these isolated areas, as Kelly is at certain places. I am getting responses which seem to be almost "conversational" on a regular basis. Over the years, I've recorded countless random (suggesting residual energy, perhaps) and responsive (suggesting an intelligence) EVPs at Gettysburg. This continuing study of select locations has yielded almost exclusively EVPs of a responsive nature, and one of my goals is to identify any patterns. I'll keep you posted...

I had already posted the following on the SSP Yahoo Groups message board, but for those who aren't signed up for it... No matter what segment(s) of the paranormal you focus on, near the top of any list of most respected researchers is Stanton Friedman. He recently posted on his site an outstanding overview of his responses to the most common "WHY" questions about UFOs (as presented at the UFO Crash Retrieval Conference in Nov).

Stan's answers to these questions reflect the depth of his scientific knowledge as a physicist and perseverance as a researcher, as well as his capacity for sarcasm in calling out the lunacy behind programs such as SETI (Silly Effort to Investigate)!

This is a master at his best, and recommended reading for anyone who has ever given a thought to the UFO question! Read his wonderfully crafted comments at <http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sf-ufo-why1.html>

Paranormal? No. Scary? Hell, yes! Driving home on Rte 441 from a NMMRC board meeting in Marietta on Feb 7, I came upon an incredibly disturbing sight. 441 passes TMI, and as the events of 1979 still paint a vivid picture in our minds, whenever Kelly and I drive by here - day or night - its unnerving. This time, as I approached the facility, steam being vented hung strangely low to the ground, crossing the road ahead, and illuminated by the facility's lights in a sinister red glow! It was eerie, frightening and hellish! Having a camera with me, I considered stopping to take some photos, but no wishing to have to explain what I was doing to security guards quickly changed my mind! (Then again, security levels around TMI remain in constant debate)



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APPARITIONS

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2007 PARANORMAL CONFERENCE NEWS

6th Annual PA PARANORMAL CONFERENCE hosted by Rick Fisher at historic, haunted **BUBE'S BREWERY** (Lt.) in Mt Joy, PA on **April 14, 2007**. From the Victorian elegance of the Central Hotel section to the Gothic realm of the Catacombs, Bube's is a perfect



venue to explore the paranormal! Speakers include Frank Feschino, Rick Fisher, Stan Gordon, Rosemary Ellen Guiley & Karl Petry, Mark Nesbitt, Ed Okonowicz, Kelly Weaver & Patty Wilson. Buffet luncheon included with admission. Ghost tours of the brewery will follow the conference at 7pm (free to first 20 conference registrants) and at 8:30pm (\$3 per person) Full event details can be found online at www.paranormalpa.com

PPC Speaker Highlight: "Shedding Light on the Shadow People" Rosemary Ellen Guiley, who has authored over 30 books on the paranormal, has been collecting information on the Shadow People for two years. Who are they? What are they? Do they have an agenda - with us? Find out in Rosemary's report on a shadowy, mysterious realm. Be prepared to sleep with the light on! (See website for all speaker topics)

HAUNTEDAMERICA CONFERENCE with Troy Taylor and the AGS June 22-23 at the Lincoln Theater in Decatur IL. Speakers include Troy, Derek Bartlett, Vince Wilson, Jeff Belanger & John Weaver. Kelly Weaver will be hosting another seance in the theater Friday night. Details on line at: www.prairieghosts.com/conference.html

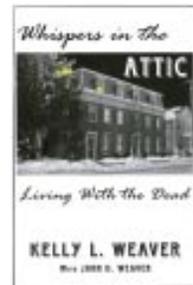


GHOST WORLD CONFERENCE July 20-22, 2007:

The first Ghost World Conference. Speakers include Vince, L'Aura, Jeff, Charlie Adams, Mark Nesbitt, Troy Taylor & John Zaffis. Details on line at www.ghostworldconference.com



Whispers in the Attic - Living With The Dead by Kelly Weaver Now in its second printing, Kelly's account of her life as a medium and ghosthunter is available locally from Civil War and More in Mechbg., Borders Books in Camp Hill and Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Gettysburg HQ. Available online through Amazon.com and Troy Taylor's History & Hauntings Book Co. Kelly's second book is coming in fall 2007.



Ghosts, Legends, Mysteries and Rogues of Mechanicsburg by Melissa Griffith Melissa is the SSP Activities Director, an investigative team member and a regular contributor to our newsletter with her "Musings of a Ghost Adventurer" Column. Her book can be purchased locally at Civil War and More bookstore on Market Street in Mechanicsburg.

Valentine's Day History, Legends & Superstitions

- Compiled by Mazie

St. Valentine was a Catholic priest in Rome during the times of Emperor Claudius II. Claudius believed that single men without families were the best soldiers so he decreed that men were no longer allowed to marry. Valentine thought this law was absurd so he married couples in secret. When Claudius discovered that Valentine went against the law, he had Valentine taken to prison and ordered that he be beheaded.

It is said that, in his final days in prison, Valentine wrote letters to the jail keeper's daughter who had been visiting him in prison. He would sign his letters, "From Your Valentine". It is believed that these letters were the first Valentine's Day cards. St. Valentine died on February 14th and, it seems, that is why we celebrate the holiday on this day.

In Great Britain during the 1700's, a very popular custom on the Eve of Valentine's Day, was for ladies to pin five bay leaves sprinkled with rose water to their pillow—one leaf pinned to the center and one on each corner. Ladies would replace the yolks of hard-boiled eggs with salt, eat them and recite this prayer before going to sleep, "Good Valentine, be kind to me; In dreams let my true love see". If this charm worked, then the lady would see her future husband in her dreams.

If a woman see a Robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day she will marry a sailor. If she sees a sparrow, she will marry a poor man, but be happy. If she sees a Gold Finch, she will marry a millionaire.

In England, if a young woman was brave enough, she could summon the appearance of her future spouse by visiting a graveyard at midnight on the Eve of Valentine's Day and running around the graveyard 12 times while singing a song.

The tradition of using an "X" to represent a kiss began with the Medieval practice of allowing those who could not write to sign documents with an "X". The signer would place a kiss upon the "X" to indicate sincerity.

In Middle Ages, young men and women picked names from a bowl to see who was going to be their Valentine. They would pin these names on their sleeves and wear them for one week. This is where the phrase, "to wear you heart on your sleeve" came from.

To be awoken by a kiss on Valentine's Day is considered good luck.

A young woman would choose names of a boy she might want to marry. She would recite those names as she twisted the stem of an apple. It was believed that the name she recited as the stem fell off would be the boy she would marry.

Red Rose – The rose is the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. Red stands for strong feeling, which is why red was chosen as the favorite flower of love.

Heart – Long ago it was believed that the emotion of love came from the heart.

Lace – Hundreds of years ago, women carried lace handkerchiefs. If a woman saw a man she wanted to meet, she would deliberately drop her handkerchief for him to pick up and encourage romance. This is the reason paper lace is used to decorate candy boxes and cards

Doves – Doves were thought to be the favorite birds of Venus. They remain with the same mate all their lives and represent loyalty and love.



SSP Founder
KELLY WEAVER
will be a guest on the
**CARIE STONE & CJ
SELLERS SHOW**
WED. FEB. 21,
Noon - 2pm

This Internet Radio Program on 1.FM The Paranormal Channel is oriented to Women in the Paranormal, and has had hosted many prominent women (and men) in the field. (Lorraine Warren was a recent guest) Check out their show and register (free) to listen at <http://those2broads.com>

• **Coming Feb. 21, 2007 at S.E.A.R.C.H. 7pm-9pm:
DAN AYKROID and UFO'S**

**(COLONIAL PARK EAST SHORE LIBRARY ROOM A
4501 Ethel Street Harrisburg PA 17109)**

There will be a viewing and discussion of the interview with Dan Aykroyd regarding his beliefs on UFO's and the controversial television series that he produced on the subject that has never been seen on the air.

Discussion will cover video footage of various UFO types along with interviews of known experts in the Ufology field.

S.E.A.R.C.H. meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the East shore Library (downstairs) right behind the Colonial Park Mall from 7pm until 9 pm. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting room doors are open at 6:30. If you have questions or need directions, please e-mail SGROFF@paonline.com or call 566-2835

**FOR ANYONE WHO MISSED THE JAN. NEWSLETTER,
HERE'S THE REMAINING EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2007**

(Other events may be added)

<u>Month/Date</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Event/Location</u>
MARCH 12	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
APRIL 9	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
MAY 14	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
MAY 19	SAT Noon	SSP SPIRIT DAY - N.C.S.C.
JUNE 11	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
JULY 9	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
AUG. 13	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
SEPT. 10	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
OCT. 8	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
NOV. 12	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.
DEC. 10	MON 7pm	SSP MEETING - N.C.S.C.